

Interesting Letter From Young Frenchman to Jasper Girl.  
St. Terre, Gironde, France, Nov. 6.  
Miss Maude Cordz,  
Jasper, Mo.

Dear Miss Maude: At first I must beg your pardon because I am late to write you. I told in my last letter, "I shall write you on next Friday" and that is only on Wednesday I have opportunity to do my letter.

I think you shall see the little picture of Mr. Edwin before you read my lines. Are you glad to have it? I think yes! So I did for you two pictures of Mr. Edwin because I know you would like very much to have one into your bracelet. That is my little surprise for you! That is not much, may be you were waiting better?

I received yesterday Edwin's letter. He was writing from a little village at St. Jean d'Illou, near camp of Longes. I think he will be at home in a very next time, because war will be finished in a very next time. Today our first minister told conditions of armistice with dual monarchy. We are all happy to see war near to be finished; all we thank our allies, all we thank specially the great America. We know very well, that never, we should be victorious against Germany if your boys did not come to France to help us. I am only a boy, but I see all that things because, our brothers, our fathers and mothers are speaking so well about American people. I am young but I forget never how have been good for us all your soldiers and brothers.

In his letter Mr. Edwin told me, "Accept, Jean, my most hearty thanks to you." No, that is not right! because American soldier must not thank a French man, but a French man must thank American boy. They do for us things we could never pay sufficiently. We are liking most possible American soldiers. When I am at home all the time I go to see, and to speak with them. They are so kind, so polite, so well educated and take my word for it Mr. Edwin S. Cordz is the best of them I knew.

I should be glad to read long letter from you! Speak very much about you: I shall be so pleased to hear from you. I now received only a letter from Jasper. I am waiting with impatience but I hope very much.

Sincerely,  
Jean Amoreau.

November 11, 1918.

Having in my heart the best of all happiness I mean to see my dear France and her Allies, dear also, victorious after so many troubles. I am writing you on the 11th of November. Now, we French people, we can tell, "War is finished," we can think battles are over, now no shells, no balls, no guns, no rifles to kill men. Oh! dear friend, all we are so glad that we do not dare believe a so sweet news! Finished all our bad dreams! Finished German powder! Finished the Kaiser! We are proud of that! But we do not forget if we are victorious, if we can tell "We are all French forever" that is because, from over there, from that holy land, from the great and dear America, came the finest and strongest army, we never saw similar fore, that is because American people help us to beat Germans.

I must tell you "thank you!" with all my heart, and sincerely thank you forever we shall remember bad Germany and best America! Yes, Miss Maude, I cannot write you because I am not learned enough all I think. I should like you be here and heard the guns of the peace booming to tell to the people, "France is victorious!" to hear bells ringing to tell "French people, you are free!" That is a fine thing to hear in France everywhere, because everywhere they are villages and every village have each church! That is fine I told to heard to ring bells. I shall remember all my life I heard bells twice. First on 14th of August, 1914, and second 11th of November, 1918. I think you are happy also; because your two brothers will be lately in States in a very next time. I think your parents will be glad to have near them their dear sons, and I think your brothers will be pleased to live near their parents.

Edwin told me "I shall write you all my life." I think you think same, dear Miss Maude.

Since now I received only a letter from you. I am waiting, waiting with impatience as you can think.

Miss Germaine Bouthier told me she wrote you some post-cards. That is to polite and no to have a correspondence all the time. That is not necessary you write her long letter. Our French customs permit to reply for a post card by a simple post card. I told you that because Germaine do not understand American. She know only some sentences but she is learning.

Now I expect a long letter from you. I have to expect all my best compliments.

J. Amoreau.

## TO REDEEM W. S. S. PLEDGE IN MISSOURI

Redemption Week for Stamp Buyers Will Be Proclaimed by Gov. Gardner in a Few Days.

In every school district in Missouri the roll will be called during the week of Dec. 7 to Dec. 14. And when this roll is called summoning every citizen in every school district, Missouri will check up on her citizens who have pledged their word that they would buy War Savings Stamps. Every citizen who has bought the amount pledged will be given a Badge of Honor reading: "I have Redeemed my W. S. S. Pledge." These badges will mean something. They will not be handed out carelessly. Worn in the hat band or pinned on the coat, they will mean that the wearer has made good his pledge, that he has bought every cent in war stamps that he said he would buy.

At the direction of the U. S. Treasury Department, a seven-day War Savings Stamp Pledge Redemption Period has been fixed for the second week in December in Missouri. It will begin Saturday, Dec. 7, and end on Saturday, Dec. 14. Gov. Frederick D. Gardner will issue a proclamation calling this to the attention of all patriotic Missourians. Missouri is behind on her W. S. S. quota. The state has not redeemed her pledges made last spring and summer as to the amount of War Savings Stamps. But Missouri has met every test so far imposed by the war, and there is no reason to believe that Missourians will fail to redeem their stamp pledges before New Year's.

All who have pledged themselves to buy War Savings Stamps are expected to do so at once. On Dec. 7, in all parts of the State, an active house-to-house and farm-to-farm canvass will begin.

Meetings are being arranged in every school district, in school houses or other public places. Every citizen is to be summoned to these gatherings by the W. S. S. workers.

Those who have not bought will be called upon, those who have pledged themselves will be asked to make those pledges good. When the roll is called in the school houses and other meeting places those who have redeemed their pledges will be asked to come forward and have their pledges canceled. They will have done their duty. Two lists will be made at this meeting, one showing those who have redeemed their pledges, the other list showing those who have failed to meet their promises and those who have not bought.

### Finicky Elephant.

An elephant, in his native land, has a hard job to find what he likes to eat. Contrary to the general belief, he will not eat anything, but he selects carefully the best of roots, herbs, fruits and various vegetables. When in captivity, he eats about the same kind of fodder, with a few exceptions, including pastry, bread, nuts (chiefly peanuts) and some other goodies which may be offered to him. Elephants eat no kind of meat whatsoever; they will only eat pure grown food or clean bread or pastry.

### Explanation of Snow Line.

The snow line is the estimated altitude, in all countries, where snow would be formed. Even at the equator, at an altitude of from 11,000 to 12,000 feet above the level of the sea, snow is found upon the mountain tops, and lies there perpetually. Proceeding north or south from the equator, the snow line, of course, lessens in altitude.

### Docks Electrically Equipped.

Electricity plays an important part in the equipment of piers. It is used for the operation of the fire pumps, the sprinkler system, fire alarm, for trucks, lighting the interior of the pier and for the protective lighting outside of the pier, also for the movement of freight cars by electric locomotives.

### Teach Child to Love Pictures.

A child's taste in pictures can be cultivated by having in his room pictures which are good both as to color and subject. Pictures dealing with nature in any form are always attractive to a child and if they are hung low in the room so that the child can even handle them if he wants to, this adds much to his enjoyment.

### House Blessing.

The beauty of the house is order; the blessing of the house is contentment; the glory of the house is hospitality; the crown of the house is godliness.

Rural School report cards at the News Office.

## Bank Statement.

Official statement of the financial condition of the

## Farmers & Merchants Bank

No. 1641, at Jasper, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 14th day of November, 1918, published in the Jasper News, a newspaper printed and published at Jasper, State of Missouri, on the 28th day of November, 1918.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubted good on personal or collateral	\$93,840.86
Loans, real estate	15,225.00
Overdrafts	2,079.94
Bonds and stocks	22,475.10
Real estate (banking house)	3,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,980.33
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	70,444.67
Cash items	647.00
Currency	2,738.00
Specie	1,451.41
Other resources, expense	1,381.95
Total	\$215,264.26

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits	6,246.38
Individual deposits subject to check	167,968.21
Time certificates of deposit	25,376.91
Demand certificates of deposit	620.40
Other liabilities, as follows:	
reserve for interest	52.36
Total	\$215,264.26

State of Missouri,  
County of Jasper, ss:

We, R. L. Roberts as president, and N. H. Patterson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. L. Roberts, President.  
N. H. Patterson, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of November A. D. 1918.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring November 10, 1922.)

Bert Webb Notary Public.

Fred R. Gresham,  
C. R. Patterson,  
Lizzie LaForce,  
Directors.

## W. S. S. FOR PEACE.

We Have Financed the War, We Must Now Finance Peace Problems.

Some people are asking: "Now that the war is over and the soldiers are coming home, what is the sense in my buying more W. S. S. and Certificates?"

They feel that they have helped finance the war. They forget that they must help to finance peace.

Consider for a minute how many ships it will take to bring the boys in khaki home again. Consider how many millions of dollars it will take to keep American soldiers in Europe long enough to see to it that we are not cheated out of the victory we have won. Also, consider that it will take many months to get the soldiers who are now in camps in this country and abroad back into civil life and into citizens' clothes, back at their old jobs in the mills, the factories and at the plow.

You have seen that phrase, "The war is not won until the last soldier is back home," haven't you? These men who fought for you, who have given up their work and their families and offered their lives for you, must be fed and sheltered until they are discharged from the army. And they can't all be discharged tomorrow. They can't all be home for Christmas. This country has a big job on its hands in getting ready for peace. The military machine that has been going "Full Speed Ahead" must now be reversed, and the soldiers that were must be the civilians of tomorrow. But it will take time. Expenses will keep going on. The money must be furnished. It can't all come out of Liberty Bond issues and taxes. Some of it must come from War Stamps. The pledges that have been given should be redeemed, and the man or the woman who can buy more stamps should buy them.

## W. S. S. INSURES PEACE

Until 11 a. m. on Nov. 11, America was fighting and raising money to continue fighting. All that ended with the armistice. We are planning now for peace and must continue to raise more money to insure peace. We don't want to lose what we have fought for and won. It will take more money to insure the fruits of victory. That is why Missourians are being asked to redeem their W. S. S. pledges, to buy more stamps and to urge those who have not bought to buy now, before Dec. 31.

The fighting men must be brought home, the ships must be finished. The Army of Occupation, under Gen. Pershing, must stand guard over Germany to make sure that Militarism does not rise again, that the Kaiser does not come back and that peace may be made permanent. If we want peace we must insure it. To insure it takes money. The War Savings Stamp will give America the money.

## Pretty Compliment.

Willie had as a neighbor a larger boy named Robert, of whom he was fond. He would watch for Robert's return from school, as he knew he would play with him and amuse him. One day he was asked why he liked Robert so well and he said, "Robert is just like a papa to me."

## The Difference.

"Of course, it seems funny," said the facetious observer's wife. "But the evening gown is for the woman who stays up most all night, and the nightgown is for the one who goes to bed about nine o'clock."

## What of the H. C. of L.?

You cannot play with dollars unless you are an idiot. No dollars can put into your mind any thought worth while that was not there before, and good thoughts are the real wealth.—Washington Times.

## No Real Difficulty.

A man who insists on paying the bill for the whole crowd can usually have his way if he is persistent.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## All Should Know the Bible.

No man can be wholly uneducated who really knows the Bible, nor can anyone be considered a truly educated man who is ignorant of it.—Exchange.

## Marvelous Possibilities.

If it wasn't for our fears, worries and the altogether human habit of putting things off till tomorrow, what is there that we couldn't do?

## No Cause for Alarm.

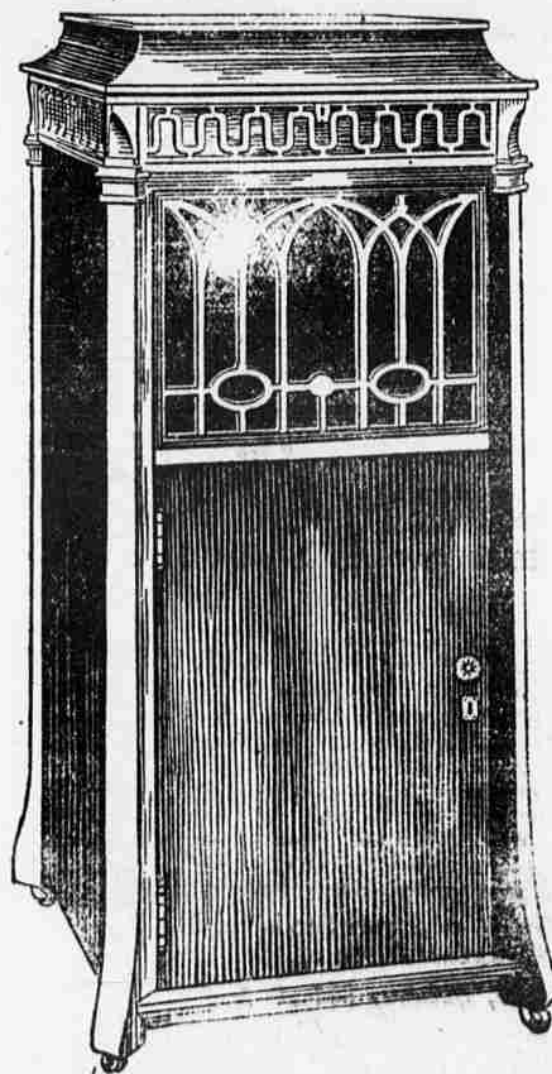
Little John wanted his playmate to play football with him, but feeling it necessary to apologize for the worn appearance of the ball, said, "It's all scabby, but it hain't catching."

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